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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Oakland County Legal News: Adoption Day celebration planned for Nov. 26 in Oakland County

"The Family Division of the Oakland County Circuit will conduct the 11th Annual Celebration of Michigan Adoption Day program in the Board of Commissioners Auditorium beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 26. This event is being held in conjunction with the statewide celebration of Adoption Day. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack will provide remarks and present a resolution from the Michigan Supreme Court recognizing Adoption Day in Oakland County."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Michigan Adoption Day 2013 to be held Tuesday, November 26

State's celebration of adoptive families now in 11th year, includes 30 counties

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Labor Voices: Under Gov. Snyder, liberty and justice for the few

Karla Swift writes "More untraceable 'dark money' coursing through our political system with a narrower path toward accountability in the courts: These aren't Michigan values and will lead to a weaker democracy.... Two weeks ago Snyder signed a controversial Court of Claims bill to allow the Republican-dominated Michigan Supreme Court to handpick the judges hearing any cases against the Governor or the state."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Judge Craig Strong to speak at Detroit 300 fundraiser

"The Detroit 300 Community Action Team's Autumn Fundraiser will take place at 5:30 p.m. today, which is Universal Children's Day, at Mitch's Bar & Grill, 2549 Grand River Ave., in Detroit.... Wayne County Circuit Judge Craig Strong will be the featured speaker; WCHB-AM talk-show host Angelo Henderson will serve as emcee."

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The Detroit News: Wayne Co. commissioners balk at jail plan as costs soar

"Wayne County commissioners on Tuesday lambasted a \$50 million proposal by Rock Ventures to buy the county's unfinished jail and four nearby buildings, refusing to vote on selling them to the development arm of the real estate empire of Dan Gilbert. It's back to negotiations for county executive officials who said they've been meeting daily with Rock officials to hammer out a deal."

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Great Lakes Echo/East Lansing: Realtor misled buyers of contaminated Lake Michigan condo, court says

"A couple who bought a South Haven condo built on contaminated land two blocks from Lake Michigan is entitled to about \$470,000 in damages from the Realtor and her real estate agency that handled the deal, the Court of Appeals has ruled. The Realtor who handled the deal knew that sales brochure information about environmental conditions at the 10-unit Factory Condominium redevelopment project – Belgravia – was false, the court said."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Informing the public about small claims court

"Legal Aid and Defender Association Inc. (LAD) recently conducted a free workshop for residents of Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland counties on how to represent themselves in small claims court and collect money judgments on at the Pontiac Public Library."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Roseville home invasion victims oppose drug court for defendant

"A Roseville couple whose home was invaded by their neighbor opposes his entry into drug court that could allow him to avoid prison. Andrew Morris and Megan Underwood said Tuesday after a court hearing that Christopher Baldes doesn't deserve drug court because of the multiple break-ins and years of drug use."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Saginaw County addresses voicemail system failure at governmental center

"The Saginaw County Governmental Center, which includes county courts and governmental offices, has been without a working voicemail system since last week.... [Controller Robert] Belleman came to the county's Courts and Public Safety Committee Tuesday to ask county leaders to spend up to \$50,000 from the county's public improvement fund to replace the facility's voicemail system."

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